



Rochester Public Library News and Events

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Libraries Change Lives

60 years of Friends

February 14, 1950 - The City of Rochester held an election to propose a boost in the library mill tax from two to three. "It is ridiculous to expect the library board to operate the library without adequate funds," stated Mayor Claude H. McQuillan.

In preparation for this election, a group of citizens decided to campaign for the increase. Monday, September 26, 1949 is recorded as the first Friends of the Library meeting. The task of the 120 members was to make the library's needs known to the public. They put many ads in the Post Bulletin urging the public to vote YES to the amendment. The amendment passed: 2,766 Yes, 1,165 No.

Sunday, September 20, 2009, the Friends of the Library celebrated 60 years of supporting the library. Throughout the years they have contributed both financial and volunteer help to make this library what it is today.

Currently, the Friends raise money by:

- membership contributions
- five large book sales a year
- Friends of the Library bookstore
- Rare and Unusual book sales

- Amazon.com sales
- ink cartridge recycling

The money that they raise is given to the library to expand collections and programs. Last year they donated \$45,000 to the library's gift fund. In addition they also helped finance library programs and projects. This money also helps finance special Friends initiatives.

The Read With Me program is one of these: the mother of each baby born in Rochester receives a book and information about the library.

The Friends participate in "Operation Paperback," a program that sends donated books to our troops.

Recently, the Friends became involved with "United Through Reading®" a military program that helps ease the stress of separation for military families by having deployed parents read children's books aloud via DVD for their child to watch at home.

Last year the Friends funded the purchase of some new display racks for Children's magazines, the registration table near the Public Service *continued on back.*



1953 - The Friends raised money for an outdoor book drop. It was installed in front of the library building on the corner of Third Avenue and Second Street SW.



Some of the dedicated Friends of the Library attended the 60th Anniversary party held at the library on Sunday, September 20, 2009.



2008 - The Friends funded the purchase of magazine racks in the Children's area.

October 2009

All events at Rochester Public Library are free and open to the public

Thursday, October 1

Stories for Toddlers and Twos
Auditorium 10:00 am
Stories, rhymes, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

Saturday, October 3

Family Film: Puff the Magic Dragon
Auditorium 10:30 am
Puff the Magic Dragon takes a small boy on a colorful and amazing journey through the world of his imagination.

Sunday, October 4

Fall Clean-up Book Sale
Auditorium 1:30-5:00 pm
Books and more can be found at the annual fall book sale.

Tuesday, October 6

Bedtime Stories
Auditorium 6:30 pm
Puppets, stories, and films to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, October 7

Senior Techies - E-mailing Digital Photos
Meeting Room B 10:00 am
This class will cover how to e-mail a photo (or other file) as an attachment. Ideally, you should have an existing e-mail account and know how to access your e-mail on an Internet computer other than your own (know your user name and password). Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

Thursday, October 8

Stories for Toddlers and Twos
Auditorium 10:00 am
Stories, rhymes, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers

Poetry Night with James Armstrong
Auditorium 7:00 pm
Professor James Armstrong will share some of his poetry, followed by open mike for other local poets.

Saturday, October 10

Fire Safety Stories with Rosie
Auditorium 10:30 am
Library puppet mascot Rosie and friends kick off National Fire Prevention Week with stories, rhymes, and the film *Dot the Fire Dog*.

Sunday, October 11

Visiting Author Series: Julie Kramer
Auditorium 2:00 pm
Julie grew up along the Minnesota-Iowa state line, the fourth generation of a family who raised cattle and farmed corn. An avid reader, she tired of fictional TV reporters always being portrayed as obnoxious secondary characters who could be killed off whenever the plot started to drag. So her debut thriller, *Stalking Susan*, features a TV reporter as the heroine and takes readers inside the world of television news. She lives with her husband and sons in White Bear Lake, MN.

The Visiting Author Series is sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library, and this particular event is supported by the Minnesota Book Awards through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education – State Library Services and the Minnesota Library Foundation.

Tuesday, October 13

Intro to Shopping Online
Meeting Room B 3:00 pm
Learn how to make online purchases from some major online shopping sites. Register online or by calling 328-2309.

Writing Group
Meeting Room A 6:30 pm
Stuck on your first draft? Not sure about your plot? Let's get together and help each other out. The goal is to improve our writing in a friendly, supportive environment.

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Wednesday, October 14

iFilms: International and Independent Films
Auditorium 6:00 pm
Somers Town (United Kingdom / Comedy) Two teenagers, both newcomers to London, forge an unlikely friendship over the course of a hot summer. Tomo (Thomas Turgoose) is a runaway from Nottingham; Marek (Piotr Jagiello), a Polish immigrant, lives in the district of Somers Town, between King's Cross and Euston stations, where his dad is working on a new rail link. When Marek agrees to let homeless Tomo move into his room, unbeknownst to his father, the pair forms a strong bond, as they work odd jobs for an eccentric neighbor and compete for the attention of Maria, a beautiful young French waitress with whom they are both infatuated. But it's only a matter of time before Marek's dad discovers what's going on...

Short: *Odd Shoe* (United Kingdom) A young boy with battered old trainers discovers life has new meaning when he chances upon a brand new pair of leather shoes.

The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children.

Thursday, October 15

Stories for Toddlers and Twos
Auditorium 10:00 am
Stories, rhymes, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

Saturday, October 17

Family Film: Rip Van Winkle
Auditorium 10:30 am
Rip Van Winkle prefers telling stories to plowing the land in this classic and magical tale written by Washington Irving. Colorful clay-animation and narration by Will Geer make this an especially appealing film.

Saturday, October 17

Author Program: Kristin Maschka Auditorium 3:00 pm
Kristin Maschka is the author of *This is Not How I Thought It Would Be: Remodeling Motherhood to Get the Lives We Want Today*. She spent four years as the president of Mothers & More, a national non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of mothers, and is the current director of Business to School Connections for the Pasadena Educational Foundation.

This event is cosponsored by Mothers & More.

Monday, October 19

Introduction to Funding Sources Meeting Room B 3:00 pm
Rochester Public Library is an affiliate of the Foundation Center Cooperating Collections network. Though we can't write proposals for you, we can provide information to start you on the way to researching and applying for funds via appropriate print and online resources. This class will include a review of such electronic sources as the Foundation Center Directory and the Minnesota Grantmaker Online; plus an examination of still-useful hard-copy sources. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

GOAT Meeting - Group Of Advising Teens Meeting Room A 4:00 pm
Join other Rochester Area youth (age 12-18) and take a leadership role to discuss ideas and make plans for youth library programs, teen Web page, and other ideas. Any questions, contact Lynette @ 328-2305.

Tuesday, October 20

Bedtime Stories Auditorium 6:30 pm
Puppets, stories, and films to give you sweet dreams.

Basic Book Repair Class Meeting Room B 9:30 am
Learn simple techniques for repairing books: tighten hinges, replace torn endsheets, mend paper and tip pages into bound volumes. Register online or by calling 328-2305.

Thursday, October 22

Stories for Toddlers and Twos Auditorium 10:00 am
Stories, rhymes, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

Saturday, October 24

Family Film: *Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel* Auditorium 10:30 am
In this animated musical adaptation of the classic children's book, Mike Mulligan and his loyal steam shovel attempt to dig a cellar for the new Town Hall in just one day.

That Writing Contest Awards Program Auditorium 2:00 pm
Join us for the announcement of the 2008 writing contest award winners. The young adult writers will read their award-winning poems and short stories.

Sunday, October 25

Yaggy Colby History Lecture Auditorium 2:00 pm
Anne Allen will be presenting from her book *Bishop Henry Benjamin Whipple: Churchman, Educator, Advocate for the Indians*.

Monday, October 26

Digital Microfilm Scanner Meeting Room B 3:30 pm
Use this computer to look at old newspapers, scan and e-mail the articles. Although genealogists find this technology helpful, anyone is welcome. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk, or by calling 328-2309.

Tuesday, October 27

Advanced Book Repair Class Meeting Room B 9:30 am
Bring in a personal book with a damaged or missing spine and learn how to replace or repair the existing spine. We will talk about book structure, supplies, and the difference between book repair and book conservation.

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Tuesday, October 27

Young Adult Writer's Group Meeting Room A 7:00 pm
Join our monthly meetings to meet other teens/tweens who like to write and get advice on how to improve your writing.

Thursday, October 29

Stories for Toddlers and Twos Auditorium 10:00 am
Stories, rhymes, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

Value Line & Morningstar Meeting Room B 4:00 pm
Find out how the Morningstar and Value Line databases at the Rochester Public Library can help you make wise investment decisions about stocks or mutual funds. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk, or by calling 328-2309.

Saturday, October 31

Special Program: Spanglish Story Time! Auditorium 10:30 am
Storyteller Laura Randolph presents rhymes, stories, and songs about a special family holiday celebrated by the Mexican culture. Learn about Dia de Los Muertos/Day of the Dead which pays tribute to family ancestors, and is observed with the Mexican love of fiestas and fun.

New resources on library web page

Looking for a new career? Need to polish up your résumé or job interviewing skills? Thinking about going back to school? Visit our new Employment Resources page (www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/reference/employment-help.html) for links to library resources (books, CDs, DVDs, CD-ROMs), local job training resources, helpful internet sites, employment opportunities from local businesses, and more. 📖

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What's @ the Library?

Reserves, Holds, and Waiting Lists, Oh My!

Some say "reserves," others say "holds," but here's a little secret: they're actually the same thing.

When you browse through our online catalog, you will find helpful information about the material you are looking for. In the example shown below for *Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters* by Jane Austen and Ben Winters, notice the icon to the left of the title/author/publisher information. This icon shows you the format this particular item is. In this case, it's in book format. Under that

you will find a "Place Hold" button, we'll get back to that in a little bit. Let's move on to the table underneath that. This table shows what collection the item belongs in (The Library collection or the Bookmobile collection), the item's call number, the item's location, the status of the item, and the due date. It also shows how many copies the library has and status information for each copy,

Back to the "Place Hold" button. When you want a particular book but there are no copies available, you

can put yourself on a waiting list. When a copy becomes available, you will receive an e-mail letting you know. Please note that with the automatic book return system we have now, as soon as a book is dropped in, its status changes from Checked out to Available. This means that if you come over as soon as you receive the e-mail, there is a chance that the book will still be in the drop bin and not on the shelf waiting for you.

Some people, you know who you are, place holds on items that are already listed as available. This is all fine and dandy but, please remember that the holds you place on available items will not be pulled from the shelves until the next day. (Any reserves placed on Saturday or Sunday will not be pulled until Monday).

There are limitations: you can reserve items only if you have less than \$10.00 in fees, and you may have only 30 reserves at one time.



Sense and sensibility and sea monsters by Winters, Ben H.

Publisher: Quirk Books distributed by Chronicle Books, c2009.

343 p.

Series Title : Quirk classics

Place Hold

Library:	Call Number:	Location:	Status:	Date Due:
Rochester Public Library	WIN	New -- Fiction, Movies & Music, 1st floor	Checked Out	10/15/2009

The Goose talks back!



Contest for the best one-line comeback from the Bird as Bard Goose.

Our goose has recently made the news in a not-so-good way. Early Sunday, September 27, our Bard was involved in a fist fight with an inebriated man from Utah. This man was arrested and taken to jail. Now it's time for the Goose to talk back.

The library is holding a contest for the best comeback from the goose. The rules are as follows:

- The lines must be a quote from a famous book (include title/author of book)
- Submit entries by October 15
- Entries may be submitted:
 - On a scrap of paper - place entries in the box near the display case (include contact information)
 - Facebook (Rochester Public Library)
 - Twitter (RochPubLibrary - be sure to use #bardgoose)
- One winner will be selected and announced on October 20 via Facebook/Twitter. The winner will also be announced in November's library newsletter.
- One grand prize 2GB flashdrive will be awarded.

60 Years of Friends - continued

Desk, and more. They fund the Visiting Author Series and prizes for the Children's Summer Reading program.

The Friends not only provide financial support, but also many volunteer hours. Last year 370 volunteers logged in over 14,000 hours.

Shirley Edmondson, current Friends president states, "Through the volunteer commitment of people in Olmsted County, the Friends have provided sixty years of continuous support to the Rochester Public Library. The people of Olmsted County are very generous in donating books for both the Library and for the Friends to sell. We are proud to help with both money and time and look forward to a long relationship with the Library."

For more information about the Friends, visit www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/friends.